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My dear Mr. Wood,

When I was in Delhi the other day I mentioned to His Excellency the Viceroy and also to yourself about the heavy material loss I have sustained by the disaster to the ill-fated S.S. 'Persia'. A number of my valuable belongings and among them, to my great regret, the Star and the Medallion of the G.C.S.I. as well as the three gold medals: Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and the Coronations of Their Majesties King Edward VII and King George V were unfortunately lost.

There were special and important reasons for not carrying these articles with me on board the Dutch Steamer on which I travelled from Genoa to Port Said.

As this loss has occurred through no lack of care on my part but was the direct result of a gross and wanton act of His Majesty's enemies I trust I may be favoured with a new insignia of the G.C.S.I.

as well as the three gold medals referred to above.

I am holding a Durbar here very shortly and I shall be much obliged if you will kindly take the necessary steps in the matter at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation.

With kind regards.

Yours very Sincerely,

*Sh. Jagatjit Singh.*

Maharaja of Kapurthala.

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